which include storage of goods before dispatch and/or delivery in existing accommodation of the Department, subject to availability of space.

Requirement of IT software professionals

924. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether NASSCOM has estimated requirement of 1.1 million IT software professionals by the year 2008;

(b) if so, presently the number of total employees and engineers (IT and non-IT related disciplines separately) in the IT sector of India;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the job assigned to engineers in IT sector can be done by other graduates also; and

(d) if so, what would be the requirement of engineering degree/diploma holders (IT and non-IT related disciplines separately) in IT sector, year-wise till 2008.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) As per the estimates of NASSCOM, the total number of IT Software and Services (ITS) and IT enabled Services-Business Process Outsourcing (ITeS-BPO) professional employed in India is 1.1 million for the current year. The requirement of IT software sector professionals is expected to reach the figure of nearly 2 million by 2008-09. Of the above, about 70% of the total number are projected to be ITS professionals and 30% are ITeS-BPO professionals.

Specialized jobs in IT sector require manpower with engineering qualification. However, there are various jobs in the IT sector especially in ITeS-BPO which can be performed by other graduates provided they have the required skill sets and necessary training to qualify for the job.

Legal and enforcement framework for data protection

925. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the legal and enforcement framework for data protection in India is not upto the world standard; and